



Finding Aid for Student Papers and Related

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number	WSU.0031
Repository	Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University
Location	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title	Student Papers and Related Materials
Date range	1933-2016 (Bulk, 1937-1953)
Extent:	3 linear feet: 1 box, 2 oversized folders
Creator(s)	Various students and alumni of Worcester State University.
Language(s)	English
Abstract	Materials include clippings; creative and scholarly works; memorabilia; and official documents related to coursework and student life at Worcester State.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical Access	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands.
Copyright and ownership	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
Citation format	Student Papers and Related Materials Collection, Worcester State University Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library.

ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession number(s)	ACC.2019.005; 2019.013; 2024.004
Provenance	Materials were created or assembled by students and alumni of Worcester State University. Materials were donated by creators or their heirs.
Processing information	In general, materials were not in original order and were arranged into series and then rehoused in archival containers.
Biographical and historical information	<p>Viola Charbonneau Ballentine (1904-1978) graduated in 1927 and taught in Webster MA, Pomfret CT, and in Auburn MA public schools for 20 years. Deborah Bockus graduated in 1989. George Griffin (1929-2007) earned a BS and M. ED. (1953, 1959) and an M. MA from Utah State University and also attended Brown University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and the College of the Holy Cross. He taught Mathematics at West Boylston High School (1955-1975), and at Anna Maria College (1967-) where he also served as Director of Institutional Advancement, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, and Treasurer. Dorene Kelly Griffin (1932-2017) earned her BS and M. ED (1953, 1959) and taught at schools in New Bedford, Holden, and Barre (1953-1958), West Boylston and Shrewsbury (1959-1964), and Milbury (1975-1992). She also taught at Anna Maria College (1967-1970). Maryanne Ballantine Hammond earned her BS in Elementary Education and an M. ED. (1969, 1972) and served as Health Curriculum Coordinator, Grant Writer, and Assistant Principal at Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District from 1969-2008. She served as a Trustee for Worcester State University from 2012. Catherine Agnes Hagerty (Kelliher) (1891-1952) graduated in 1912 and taught in Oxford public schools.</p> <p>Mary G. Murray (Ballantine) (1916-2012) graduated in 1937 and taught Americanization to immigrants in the Worcester area before serving the Spencer-East Brookfield School District, teaching at the Lake Street School then serving as Teaching Principal at the Grove Street School. Anne Elizabeth</p>

Wilkins (Maloney) (1905-1994) graduated in 1924 and taught in public schools in Auburn.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This varied collection includes materials created or collected by students and alumni of Worcester State University. Included are biographical materials; examples of diplomas from four decades and featuring signatures of university principals/presidents as well as Massachusetts state education officials; scholarly and creative works including a Worcester State scholarly publication; a Worcester State class ring; and photographs of student life from the 1930s. New materials will be added as they are accessioned.

ARRANGEMENT

This collection is arranged in six series.

- Series I** **Viola Charbonneau Ballentine, 1925-1927.** This series contains a bound volume of manuscripts of Ballentine's school papers from her time at the Normal School.
- Series II** **Bockus, Deborah, 1989**
This series contains Bockus' 1989 independent study of Worcester State history from 1960-1982.
- Series III** **George and Dorene (Kelly) Griffin, 1953-1959**
This series contains diplomas for undergraduate and graduate degrees for both Griffins.
- Series IV** **Maryann Ballantine Hammond, 2016**
A 2016 presentation given by Maryann Hammond about family member, John Corporal Edward Murray Sr., who served in the Spanish American War.
- Series V** **Catherine Agnes Hagerty, 1912**
This series contains a diploma dated 1912 and signed by Thomas P. Fitch, Chairman; David Samuel Sneddon, State Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts;

and Francis Ransom Lane, Principal (President).

- Series VI Mary G. Murray (Ballantine), 1933-2012**
Materials here represent Ms. Murray's WSC memorabilia , scholarly works as well as materials related to her later experience teaching Americanization to immigrants. Included is a diploma signed by James G. Reardon, Commissioner of Education and William Aspinwall, President. Included also is an obituary with further biographical information.
- Series VII Anne Elizabeth Wilkins, 1924**
This series contains a diploma dated 1924 and signed by Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, and William B. Aspinwall, Principal (President).

ACCESS POINTS

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress name or subject headings.

Organizations Worcester Normal School (Worcester, Mass.); Worcester State Teachers College; Worcester State College; Worcester State University.

General Terms Diplomas; Normal Schools; Scholarly Works.

RELATED COLLECTIONS

WSU.0001 Course Catalogs
WSU.0005 Commencement Materials
WSU.0002 Yearbooks

DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

Series I

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1.12	Viola Charbonneau Ballentine, 1925-1927
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1.6	Mary G. Murray; diploma, 1937
1.7	Mary G. Murray; extension certificates; 1937, 1939
1.8	Mary G. Murray; obituary, 2012
1.11	Mary G. Murray; photos, 1933-1937, n.d.
1.9	Mary G. Murray; <i>Quarterly Review</i> article, 1937
1.10	Mary G. Murray; transcripts; 1941, 1960
OSF.2	Anne Elizabeth Wilkins, 1924